



Northern Great Lakes Synod

# PROFESSIONAL LEADER'S RETREAT

an event for Pastors, Deacons and Licensed Lay Ministers

Sunday, February 27—Monday, February 28, 2022

Ramada Inn in Marquette, Michigan



The Rev. Dr. Leah D. Schade  
Lexington Theological Seminary

## Ministry in the Red-Blue Divide: Preaching and Teaching in the “Purple Zone”

Congregations and church leaders require new perspectives and insights for navigating this difficult time. The challenge of preaching across the red-blue divide in our churches is fraught with risks, but also offers opportunities for proclaiming the gospel and building community in profound and contextual ways.

### About Our Speaker

The Rev. Dr. Leah D. Schade is the Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship at Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, Kentucky. An ordained minister in the ELCA for 20 years, Leah earned both her MDiv and PhD degrees from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary). She has pastored three Pennsylvania congregations in suburban, urban, and rural contexts and is the author or editor of five books.

Dr. Schade's book, *Preaching in the Purple Zone: Ministry in the Red-Blue Divide* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2019), explores how clergy and congregations can address social issues using nonpartisan, biblically-centered approaches and deliberative dialogue. Dr. Schade received a \$30,000 grant from the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion to study deliberative dialogue in classrooms and congregations. She received the Kentucky Council of Churches award in 2019 and is the EcoPreacher blogger for Patheos. She and her husband live with their two teenage children in Lexington.

### Retreat Schedule (all times are Eastern)

#### Sunday, February 27

5:30 pm Registration  
6:30 pm Dinner  
7:30 pm Presentation I  
8:45 pm Devotions  
9 pm Hospitality

#### Monday, February 28

7:30 am Breakfast  
8:30 am Worship  
9:30 am Presentation II  
11 am Break  
11:15 am Time with Bishop  
12:15 pm Lunch  
1 pm Presentation III  
2:30 pm Sending Prayer

The Leadership Support Committee will meet after the sending prayer.

Bishop Finegan will be available for private appointments.

### Ramada Inn

412 W. Washington St., Marquette, MI 49855

Spouses and families are welcome to attend this event, but childcare will not be provided. The Ramada Inn has a heated pool, whirlpool, sauna and fitness room for the whole family to enjoy (subject to COVID-19 restrictions). The hotel is within walking distance of beautiful downtown Marquette and has an onsite restaurant. Room amenities include: refrigerator, microwave, cable tv with 75 channels, free internet, coffee maker, iron & ironing board and hair dryer.

### Registration Deadline

**Monday, January 24, 2022**

Registration is available on our website. If you prefer to mail in your registration, please fill out the form on the reverse side, make checks payable to “Northern Great Lakes Synod” and mail with registration form to:

Northern Great Lakes Synod  
1029 N. Third St., Suite A  
Marquette, MI 49855

# PROFESSIONAL LEADER'S RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Registration due to the Synod Office: Monday, January 24, 2022

Name:	
Address:	
Phone number:	
Email address:	
Roommate:	
# of youth & ages:	
Dietary needs:	

## Cost of Programs & Meals

Programs & meals (\$85/adult)	\$
Meals for ages 3 & under	Free
Meals for ages 4-12 (\$35/youth)	\$
+ Lodging (\$65/adult based on double occupancy) (\$130/adult based on single occupancy)	\$
= Total enclosed:	\$

Costs subsidized by the fund for Leadership Support in the NGLS  
Please make checks out to: Northern Great Lakes Synod

### Please Choose Your Dinner for Sunday Evening

Adult Dinner Options	# Needed
Chicken parmesan	
Cajun salmon	
Portabella Mushroom Quinoa (gluten free & vegan)	
Children's Dinner Options	# Needed
Macaroni & cheese	
Chicken tenders	